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Poovendran *et al.*

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Using Fractional Keys**

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herein is a Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry; and

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37

C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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